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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting held Wednesday, 5 August 1953

Present: General Smith, Messrs. Kyes, Stassen,
Dulles, Jackson, Morgan

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2. PSB Relations with USIA.

It was decided to defer this matter until Streibert had had a chance to shake down a bit in his job. Propose to put it on the agenda for an early meeting.

3. Decline of American Prestige Abroad.

WBS proposed that the State Department make available to us any information which they had on the subject and that we then proceed to make a National Estimate based on this material and material we might receive ourselves. This procedure was approved by the other members of the Board and I said I would take it under consideration. (I recognize that the preparation of this report may involve some rather delicate issues and we should consider whether this should be a coordinated estimate bringing in the other agencies who may possibly be loathe to tackle an issue which is so largely political. I suggest we discuss this before I get away so as to lay down a course of action.)

NSC review(s) completed.

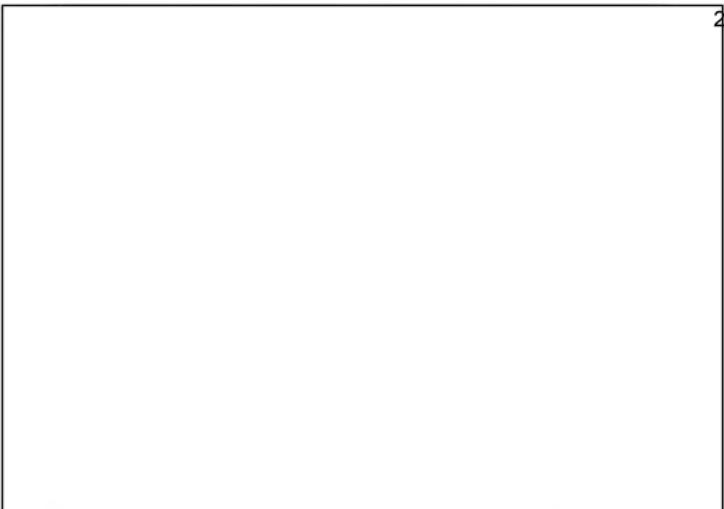
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CDJ circulated a telegram he had received from a Rumanian [redacted] concerning polio and other epidemics in Rumania. I said I had seen no intelligence on the subject but would look into it.

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WBS said that he thought the slogan "Every German help a German" which was being used in West Berlin and West Germany was an excellent one and should be pushed. HS suggested we might have a look at the situation in Poland or one of the other satellites in case there were any food or epidemic situations there which would give us a peg on which to hang some action.

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5. Draft Executive Order on OCB.

No one liked the last draft circulated by the Budget and WBS said he preferred our draft which I circulated. It was felt that we should try to get together before the meeting of the Bureau of the Budget on Friday so as to present a common front.

6. Albania.

There was considerable discussion on this subject and I will report further on it orally.

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